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## **NEWS FROM ALLATOONA LAKE**

### **THE GREAT LAKE ALLATOONA CLEANUP**

It's that time of year again to get ready for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup, which takes place on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Georgia Power Company, Glad Manufacturing Company, Anheuser-Bush, Inc., Cobb Marietta Water Authority, Marine Max, Marina Association, and Rivers Alive are sponsoring the cleanup this year.

As in previous years, volunteers will manage 60 registration locations to direct cleanup participants to work sites and distribute supplies. Many boat owners will provide houseboats and pontoons, to transport volunteers to shoreline locations not accessible from roads. Other volunteers will assist in serving food for over 3000 participants at the picnic following the cleanup. Sponsors will provide funding for the food, printing, entertainment and other expenses. Scout and youth leaders will bring thousands of volunteers, who walk the shoreline and pick up the trash. "As of August 20, we have over 1,150 volunteers pre-registered to participate", said the Corps' Operations Manager, Erik Petersen. "The Corps of Engineers organizes the cleanup each year, but it takes many people and organizations working together to make the day a success. Everybody working together makes it happen", said Petersen.

For the fifth year, the cleanup is an official project of the National Public Lands Day (NPLD) program. The theme of NPLD is "Helping Hands for Americas Lands". The Allatoona Cleanup is normally among the top 10 NPLD projects with the most volunteers participating. The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF) sponsors NPLD, nationally.

Persons needing additional information or desiring to volunteer may call the Allatoona Lake Operations Manager's Office at (678) 721-6700.